

Listing of the Claims:

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) An orthopedic aid, comprising:
2 two parts of an orthopedic joint which are movable relative to one
3 another;
4 a walking aid, having a handgrip structure having a grip surface that is
5 readily gripped by a person, and a ground contact surface, constructed and
6 arranged such that the person can grip the grip surface and, while
7 maintaining the grip, place the ground contact surface in contact with the
8 ground, that is separate from said orthopedic joint;
9 an actuating unit integrated into said walking aid, for sending an
10 actuating signal by wireless transmission;
11 a locking device, movable between a lock position and an unlock
12 position, wherein in said lock position it engages said orthopedic joint so as to
13 lock for locking the two parts in a predetermined relative position and in said
14 unlock position it permits for unlocking the two parts in order to permit
15 movement of the two parts with respect to one another; and
16 a control unit constructed and arranged to receive said actuating signal
17 and, in response, module for electromechanically actuate actuating said
18 locking device to at least one of said lock position and unlock position; and
19 ~~an actuating unit integrated into a walking aid which is separate from~~
20 ~~said orthopedic joint for sending an actuating signal by wireless transmission~~
21 ~~to the control module.~~
2. Canceled
- 1 3. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic aid ~~of~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein
2 the actuating unit is arranged and mounted ~~accommodated~~ in a said handgrip
3 structure of the walking aid.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic aid of as-claimed-in claim 3, further
2 comprising an actuating button arranged on or proximal to said a free-end
3 face-of-the handgrip surface.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic aid of as-claimed-in claim 1, wherein
2 the actuating unit includes a manually selectably activated manual
3 transmitter.

1 6. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic aid of as-claimed-in claim 1, wherein
2 the control module is constructed and arranged to detect completion of a
3 movement of said locking device from said unlock position to said lock
4 position and, in response to said detecting, to transmit ~~capable of transmitting~~
5 ~~one or more of an acknowledgment signal or a warning signal to the actuating~~
6 unit.

1 7. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic aid of as-claimed-in claim 6, wherein
2 the actuating unit includes one or more of
3 a visual display,
4 an acoustic signal arrangement, and
5 a vibrator,
6 wherein one or more of said visual display, acoustic signal arrangement, or
7 said vibrator is activated ~~that is controlled by said an~~ acknowledgment signal
8 ~~or warning signal~~ transmitted by said control module.

1 8. (Currently Amended) The orthopedic aid of as-claimed-in claim 7, wherein
2 the vibrator is arranged and mounted in a said handgrip structure of the
3 walking aid.

1 9. (New) The orthopedic aid of 1, wherein the control module is constructed
2 and arranged to detect completion of a movement of said locking device from
3 said lock position to said unlock position and, in response to said detecting, to
4 transmit a warning signal to the actuating unit.

1 10. (New) The orthopedic aid of claim 9, wherein the actuating unit includes
2 one or more of
3 a visual display,
4 an acoustic signal arrangement, and
5 a vibrator,
6 wherein one or more of said visual display, acoustic signal arrangement, or
7 said vibrator is activated by said warning signal transmitted by said control
8 module.

1 11. (New) The orthopedic aid of claim 10, wherein the vibrator is arranged
2 and mounted in said handgrip structure of the walking aid.